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Executive Gardner Settles with Aurora Holdings to Retain Ownership of Citizens-Montevue

FREDERICK, MD -- County Executive Jan Gardner announced today that on September 1, Frederick County Government settled with Aurora Holdings VII, LLC, to retain the Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living facility. Details of the settlement have not changed since they were announced on May 18.

“Citizens and Montevue have always represented something good and something special in our community,” Executive Gardner said during a press conference today. “I am grateful that the county is able to continue our longstanding mission to take care of our own, honor the 1828 covenant on the property and keep our promise to our seniors.”

Aurora will continue to operate Citizens and Montevue and there will be no change in the management of the facility for 18 months. The agreement ensures continuity of care for the residents as well as a stable working environment for the facilities’ many employees.

No new funding was required to support the settlement. Executive Gardner explained, “It would have cost taxpayers twice as much to sell Citizens and Montevue and in the end the county would have nothing to show for our money. The settlement protects taxpayers from needless costs associated with a sale and several related lawsuits.”

Montevue Assisted Living will once again begin admitting subsidized patients into its care. Currently there are 26 subsidized patients in the home. The county will keep a balance of private pay and subsidized patients. Applicants for subsidies will be evaluated and referred by the Adult Evaluation and Review Services of the Health Department.

For more settlement details, [frequently asked questions](#) and information about the advisory board Executive Gardner appointed to work with county staff during the transition period to ensure that quality patient care remains a priority, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/CitizensMontevue.

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